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PATRIOT DAY A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WHEREAS, on Tuesday September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States of America in a series of senseless, cowardly, and despicable acts of war, directed at innocent men, women and children in the World Trade Center complex in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and on board four passenger jets, resulting in the tragic loss of life of thousands of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals and;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the attacks, the people of the United States stood united in providing support for those in need, inspired by the heroic sacrifices of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens and;

WHEREAS, September 11th should not only be remembered as a day of great tragedy but also as a day of triumph, courage, kindness, love, hope and freedom, and as a reminder of the newfound unity, focus and strength in our Nation.

WHEREAS, by U.S. House Joint Resolution 71 signed into law on December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), Congress authorized and requested the President to designate September 11th of each year as "**Patriot Day**" and call upon state and local governments to observe **Patriot Day** by displaying the flag of the United States at halfstaff and by observing a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. marking the first plane crash and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare September 11, 2009 as

Patriot Day

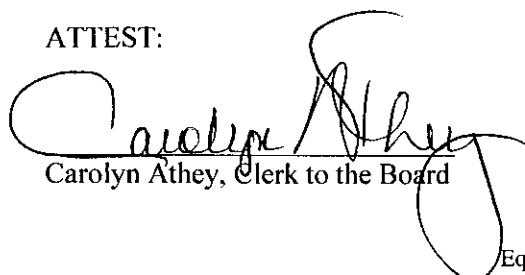
in Rowan County and encourages all citizens to honor and respect the innocent victims of September 11, 2001 and to salute the heroism of public safety and rescue workers, volunteers, local officials, and those who responded to the tragic events with courage, selfless compassion, determination and undying patriotism.

This the 8th day of September 2009.



Carl Ford, Chairman

ATTEST:



Carolyn Athey, Clerk to the Board

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